



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 20, 2007

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Rejection Of Mission Street At Route 101 Class II Bike Lane And Sidewalk Improvements Project Bids

RECOMMENDATIONS: That Council:

- A. Reject all bids for construction of the Mission Street at Route 101 Class II Bike Lane and Sidewalk Improvements Project (Project), and direct staff to re-bid the Project; and
- B. Authorize the General Services Manager to increase the Design Services Contract No. 21,811 with MNS Engineers (MNS), by \$66,000 to cover the cost of additional services to make design changes and re-bid.

DISCUSSION:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project modifies the 400-600 block of West Mission Street to allow the installation of a Class II Bike Lane connecting the existing bicycle corridors on the East and West sides of the City. The existing sidewalks, curbs, and gutters will be demolished and the existing slope grades will be modified to widen the road area for the inclusion of the bicycle lane. In addition, street lighting and traffic signal modifications will be made to make the area safer to navigate. This Project will be partially funded by a Caltrans grant, which requires that the contract be awarded by March 2008.

REVIEWED BY: _____ Finance _____ Attorney

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CONTRACT BID SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

A total of five bids were received for the subject work, ranging as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
1. Elevation General Engineering Contractors, Inc., Santa Maria	\$1,766,385
2. Lash Construction, Inc., Santa Barbara	\$2,174,985
3. Mendez Concrete, Inc., Santa Paula	\$2,233,747
4. Nye & Nelson, Inc., Ventura	\$2,646,971
5. Granite Construction, Watsonville	\$2,878,095

The City received five bids for the Project on September 18, 2007. Staff reviewed the bids and determined that the apparent low bidder, Elevation General Engineering Contractors, Inc., (Elevation) failed to include a subcontractor for the Micro Paving work. Public Contract Code, Section 4104, requires bidders to list all subcontractors performing work under the contract. In the event a bidder does not list a subcontractor for a work item, Section 4406 allows them to perform the work of the subcontractor. Elevation was not prepared to perform this specialized work and has requested that their bid be withdrawn.

The next lowest bid, submitted by Lash Construction, Inc., is \$408,600 higher than Elevation's bid, and \$514,985 over the engineer's estimated construction cost of \$1,660,353. Since the City reserves the right to reject all bids, and there is a significant difference between the engineer's estimate and next lowest bidder, staff recommends the rejection of all bids, and that the Project be re-bid. Staff believes that re-bidding the Project will bring all bids closer to the engineer's estimate. A re-bid of the Project will not affect Caltrans' funding for this project.

DESIGN SERVICES

On July 12, 2005, Council awarded MNS Engineering the design services contract in the amount of \$245,000. Late in the design process, substantial design input was received from various stakeholders including; Caltrans, Union Pacific, and neighborhood residents. These additional design changes were necessary to build stakeholder consensus and comply with federal and state grant requirements. The increased changes amounted to over \$80,000 in additional engineering charges. MNS Engineering has requested reimbursement for the extra design services. Staff negotiated an amount of \$61,000 for prior design services and \$5,000 for design service

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to re-bid the project. Staff recommends Council approve the negotiated amount of \$66,000 to cover all the remaining design costs.

PROJECT FUNDING

The Project is funded by a Federal and State Transportation Enhancement grant, totaling \$1,060,000, and an additional \$1,511,566 in Caltrans Regional Surface Transportation Program and City funds, including Measure D funds. There are sufficient funds in the Streets Capital Fund to cover the cost of this project.

FUNDING SOURCES

	Basic Contract	Change Funds	Total
Federal & State Grant	\$1,060,000		\$1,060,000
City RSTP & Measure D	\$1,295,151	\$129,515	\$1,424,666
Caltrans Contribution Agreement No. 21,812	\$79,000	\$7,900	\$86,900
Total Recommended Authorization			\$2,571,566

APPROVALS

The Street Tree Committee, Park Commission, and Architectural Board of Review have approved the plans for this project. City staff had archeological and historical studies performed for this project and the studies found that there is no need for mitigation measures beyond what is in the specifications.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

This project will greatly improve the safety for bicyclists crossing under Highway 101 on Mission Street. Therefore, this project will contribute to the City's sustainability goals by encouraging more people to ride bicycles along this corridor, thereby reducing energy consumption and air pollution.

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SUBMITTED BY: Paul A. Casey, Acting Public Works Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office